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Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Historic Landmarks
Commission

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: May 11, 2005

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE HISTORIC
SIGNIFICANCE OF 99 NOTRE DAME AVENUE, CITY LANDMARK NO. HL01-143**

RECOMMENDATION

The Historic Landmarks Commission supports the proposal by Council members Williams and Chavez to adopt a resolution to:

1. Recognize the profound technical contributions and economic impact of the RAMAC has special significance to the City of San Jose; and
2. Honor the designation of the RAMAC as an Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers' Milestone on the occasion of the special celebration in May 2005; and
3. Support the creation of a museum or presentation at 99 Notre Dame Avenue featuring the history of the RAMAC; and
4. Direct and authorize the City Manager to begin joint collaboration discussions to bring such a museum or presentation into realization.

BACKGROUND

On January 31, 2002, the City Council designated the IBM Building, located at 99 Notre Dame Avenue, as a City Landmark (No. HL01-143) of special historical, architectural, cultural, aesthetic, or engineering interest or value of a historic nature.

In order to recognize the site at the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers' convention in May of this year, Council members Williams and Chavez have proposed a resolution recognizing the technical contributions and economic impact of the RAMAC, developed at the City Landmark site, to the City of San Jose, and indicating support of a museum or historic presentation featuring this history at the site.

ANALYSIS

Planning staff included the proposed resolution as a referral item on the May 4, 2005 Historic Landmarks Commission agenda for their discussion and comment. The Commission's discussion included the importance of continuing the recognition of the site and the technical contributions that occurred there. The Commission voted 6-0-1 (Alkire absent) to support the resolution as proposed.

OUTCOME

Adoption of the resolution would recognize the technical contributions and economic impact of the RAMAC at the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers' convention later in May and authorize the City Manager to begin joint collaboration discussions to bring a museum or presentation into realization at the City Landmark site.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

Prior to the Historic Landmarks Commission hearing, an electronic version of the Historic Landmarks Commission Memorandum was made available online, accessible from the Historic Landmarks Commission agenda on the Planning Division website.

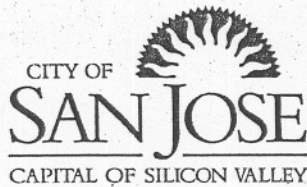
COORDINATION

Preparation of the resolution has been coordinated with the City Attorney's Office.

CEQA

Exempt, File No.PP05-091.


FOR STEPHEN M. HAASE, SECRETARY
Historic Landmarks Commission



Memorandum

TO: Historic Landmarks Commission **FROM:** Courtney Damkroger
SUBJECT: SEE BELOW **DATE:** April 27, 2005

PROPOSED RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE OF 99 NOTRE DAME AVENUE, CITY LANDMARK NO. HL01-143

BACKGROUND

The City Council designated the IBM Building, located at 99 Notre Dame Avenue as a City Landmark (No. HL01-143) of special historical, architectural, cultural, aesthetic, or engineering interest or value of a historical based on the following findings:

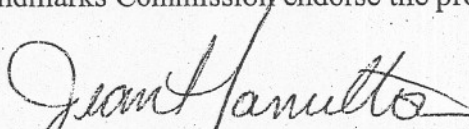
- Its location as a site of a significant historic event because RAMAC (Random Access Method of Accounting and Control), a new storage technology for computers, was developed within this structure.
- Its identification with a person or persons who significantly contributed to the local, regional, state or national culture and history due to its association with Reynold Johnson, who led the Advanced Systems Development Division that later developed the RAMAC technology.
- Its exemplification of the cultural, economic, social or historic heritage of the City of San Jose in that the technology founded at this site is symbolic of the emerging development of Silicon Valley in the 20th Century.

ANALYSIS

Council members Williams and Chavez have proposed a resolution recognizing the technical contributions and economic impact of the RAMAC, developed at the City Landmark site, to the City of San Jose, and indicating support of a museum featuring this history at the site. The resolution will be handed to an IMB representative at the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers' convention later in May.

RECOMMENDATION

Planning staff recommends that the Historic Landmarks Commission endorse the proposed City Council resolution.


FOR Courtney Damkroger
Historic Preservation Officer